

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF BROMSGROVE



R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and the

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

For the Year 1963





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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

FOR THE YEAR 1963

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1963

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
BROMSGROVE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report on the Health of the Rural District of Bromsgrove during the year ended 31st December 1963.

The general health of the population remained most satisfactory.

There was a natural increase of population of 375 (352) which suggests an influx of 595 (439) (equivalent to about 165 families) from outside the District.

The number of applicants on the Council's Housing List at the end of 1963 was 572 (597). Of the total new houses built during the year 63 (26) were constructed by the Council, the remaining 403 (274) being built by private enterprise.

I would like to express my appreciation of the work done by the Public Health Inspectors, the help given by Officers of other Departments and the assistance given by the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

C.H. PHILLIPS, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
D.P.H.

Medical Officer of Health

SECTION A

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area in acres 45,610

Registrar General's estimate of
resident population

Mid 1963 - 37,010

Mid 1962 - 36,040

Mid 1947 - 25,230

Mid 1937 - 19,620

Number of inhabited houses
according to Rate Book

End of 1963 - 11,428

End of 1962 - 11,082

End of 1961 - 10,939

End of 1960 - 10,675

End of 1947 - 7,798

End of 1937 - 6,645

Rateable Value 31st March 1963

£1,258,105

Sum represented by a Penny Rate
at 31st March 1963

£5,200

Estimated

POPULATION BY PARISHES

1939

1963

Alvechurch

3,236

6,210

Belbroughton

2,676

2,750

Bentley Pauncefoot

344

350

Beoley

770

930

Clent

1,943

2,270

Cofton Hackett

3,736

5,040

Dodford-with-Grafton

513

660

Frankley

184

160

Hagley

2,233

3,950

Hunnington

543

630

Romsley

1,070

1,570

Stoke Prior

2,130

2,830

Tutnall and Copley

697

860

Wythall

4,482

8,800

24,557

37,010

VITAL STATISTICS
(1962 figures in brackets)

LIVE BIRTHS

	M		F		Total	
Legitimate	393	(371)	328	(312)	721	(683)
Illegitimate	12	(15)	13	(14)	25	(29)
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	405	(386)	341	(326)	746	(712)
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Birth Rate (Births per 1,000 population)

	<u>1963</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1937</u>	<u>1963 - Eng. Wales</u>
Crude	20.15	19.75	18.69	18.82	14.1	18.2
Comparability						(18.0)
Factor	0.91	0.97	0.98	0.98		
Standardised	18.33	19.15	18.31	18.44		

Illegitimacy Rate (Total live illegitimate births per hundred total Live Births)

	<u>1963</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1937</u>
	3.35	4.07	3.49	3.38	3.20

STILL BIRTHS

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	8	4	12 (10)
Illegitimate	-	-	- (2)
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	8	4	12 (12)
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Still Birth Rate (Still births per 1,000 total live and still births)

	<u>1963</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1937</u>	<u>1963 - Eng. & Wales</u>
	15.8	16.5	14.9	35.6	38.1	17.3
						(18.1)

<u>DEATHS</u>	M.	F.	Total
	203 (178)	168 (182)	371 (360)

Death Rate (Deaths per 1,000 population)

	<u>1963</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1937</u>	<u>1963 - Eng. Wales</u>
Crude	10.04	9.98	9.13	9.03	11.1	12.2 (11.9)
Comparability Factor	1.22	1.24	1.19	1.21		
Standardised	12.24	12.37	10.86	10.92		

Major Causes of Deaths (Percentages of Total Deaths)

	<u>1963</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1960</u>
1. Disease of the Circulatory System	47.2%	50.5%	49.0%	51.6%
2. Malignant Diseases	19.9%	17.2%	20.5%	18.2%
3. Respiratory Diseases (Excluding T.B.)	15.3%	11.7%	12.4%	11.5%
4. Violent and Accidental Deaths	5.9%	3.9%	4.6%	6.6%

MATERNAL DEATHS

Maternal Mortality (Maternal Deaths per 1,000 total live and still births)

<u>1963</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1937</u>	<u>1963 - Eng. Wales</u>
NIL	NIL	1.47	1.48	NIL	NIL	0.28 (0.35)

INFANT AND NEONATAL DEATHS

Infant Deaths (under 1 year of age)

	M.	F.	Total
Legitimate	4	5	9 (14)
Illegitimate	1	-	1 (-)
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	5	5	10 (14)
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Neonatal Deaths (under 4 weeks of age)

	M..	F.	Total
Legitimate	3	2	5 (11)
Illegitimate	1	-	1 (-)
	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6 (11)</u>

Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age

Legitimate	3	1	4 (9)
Illegitimate	1	-	1 (-)
	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5 (9)</u>

Infant and Neonatal Mortality Rates

	<u>1963</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1963 -</u> <u>Eng. &</u> <u>Wales</u>
Deaths of legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	12.48	20.49	17.29	19.18	-
Deaths of illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	40.00	-	-	45.45	-
Deaths of infants under 4 wks of age per 1,000 total live births	8.04	15.45	13.65	12.30	14.2
Deaths of infants under 1 yr of age per 1,000 total live births	13.40	19.66	16.69	20.00	20.9
Still births & deaths under 1 wk combined per 1,000 total live & still births	22.42	29.00	25.41		

Causes of Infant Deaths

Congenital Malformation	4
Prematurity	1
Respiratory Disease	1
Other Causes	4

CAUSES OF DEATHS IN THE BROMSGROVE RURAL DISTRICT
1963

Causes of Death	M.	F.	Total	Mortality Rate per 1,000 pop.
1. Tuberculosis respiratory	2	-	2	.05
2. Tuberculosis other	-	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic disease	-	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections	-	-	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-
8. Measles	-	-	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	5	3	8	.21
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung & bronchus	15	1	16	.43
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	10	10	.27
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1	1	.02
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	20	18	38	1.02
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	-	1	1	.02
16. Diabetes	2	2	4	.10
17. Vascular Lesions of nervous System	24	31	55	1.48
18. Coronary disease, angina	43	27	70	1.89
19. Hypertension with heart disease	3	3	6	.16
20. Other heart disease	14	18	32	.86
21. Other circulatory disease	6	6	12	.32
22. Influenza	2	2	4	.10
23. Pneumonia	16	9	25	.67
24. Bronchitis	19	5	24	.64
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	2	2	4	.10
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	2	3	.08
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	1	2	.05
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	-	1	.02
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-	-	-
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-	-
31. Congenital malformation	1	3	4	.10
32. Other defined and illdefined diseases	14	13	27	.73
33. Motor vehicle accidents	4	2	6	.16
34. All other accidents	6	7	13	.35
35. Suicide	2	1	3	.08
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	203	168	371	12.24

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

The County Council administers the antenatal, child welfare school health, dental and specialist clinics, where much valuable work is done towards the preservation of health of the community and the prevention of disease.

The Health Visiting, Home Nursing and Midwifery Services, provided by the County Council, supported by the services managed by the W.V.S., the British Red Cross, continued to provide invaluable domiciliary help.

(a) Hospital Services

The following hospitals were available to the residents of the district:-

Infectious Disease	Hayley Green Hospital, Halesowen, Little Bromwich Fever Hospital, Birmingham
Tuberculosis	Knightwick Sanatorium Hayley Green Sanatorium, Halesowen
Maternity	The General Hospital, Bromsgrove Mary Stevens Maternity Hospital, Stourbridge Lucy Baldwins Maternity Hospital, Stourport The Birmingham Maternity Hospital, Birmingham
Children's Disease	Children's Hospital, Birmingham
Venereal Disease	General Hospital, Birmingham Royal Infirmary, Worcester
Mental Illness	Barnsley Hall Mental Hospital, Bromsgrove Powick Mental Hospital, Malvern
Chest Surgery	Hill Top Hospital, Bromsgrove
General	The General Hospital, Bromsgrove Bromsgrove Cottage Hospital Smallwood Hospital, Redditch
Aged Chronic Sick	The General Hospital, Bromsgrove

(b) Laboratory Facilities

Bacteriological examinations were carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service, Royal Infirmary, Worcester. Chemical analysis of water and miscellaneous specimens was carried out by the County Laboratory at Worcester. I am indebted to the Directors of these laboratories for their ready assistance and co-operation.

(c) Ambulance Service

This is provided by the County Council and the Rural District is served from depots at Bromsgrove and Redditch.

(d) Health Education

The Council contributes to the Central Council for Health Education.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA .

1. Sanitary Inspection of the Area

The Chief Public Health Inspector in his report gives details of the Sanitary Inspections carried out during the year.

2. Water Supply

The whole supply of main water in the District is now the responsibility of various statutory water undertakings.

Most of the houses in the district were supplied with main piped water supplies which were satisfactory in quality and quantity. There were still, however, many dwellings and farm premises with only well water supplies. These well supplies were to a large extent unsatisfactory, and householders were advised to boil the water before use.

Routine sampling of drinking water from private wells springs and boreholes for bacteriological and chemical analysis was continued during the year. The results were very poor; 75% were bacteriologically unsatisfactory while 56% were chemically unsatisfactory.

Sampling at source of main supplies was done by the Water Undertakings.

During the year the following extensions of mains were effected:-

The City of Birmingham Water Department	1641 yards
East Worcestershire Waterworks Company	1982 yards
The South Staffordshire Waterworks Company	149 yards
North West Worcestershire Water Board	1533 yards

The following was the position with regard to the schemes for water main extensions:-

Alvechurch

Lea End In abeyance.

Belbroughton

The Nutnalls East Worcestershire Waterworks Company requested to proceed.

Beoley

Hob Hill/ Lilley Green Area East Worcestershire Waterworks Company preparing scheme.

Clent

Walton Pool and Vine Lane Work completed during the year.

Clent & Romsley

Rumbow Completed.

Dodford

Additional extension at Woodcote Green Work in progress.

Stoke Prior

Finch End & Finstall Park Farm. In abeyance.

3. Drainage and Sewerage

The following are the sewage disposal works situated in the District:-

Alvechurch	Lye Bridge
Clent	Hossill Lane
Belbroughton	Weybridge

Hagley	Sweetpool Lane
Hunnington	Illey Lane
Finstall	Pumping Station to Bromsgrove U.D.C.
Stoke Prior	Henbrook Works, Shaw Lane
Wythall	Houndsfield Lane.

Apart from schemes which have been previously considered and are at present in abeyance, the general position with regard to schemes for sewers and sewage disposal at the end of the year was as follows:-

Alvechurch

Lye Bridge Works	Negotiations in hand for purchase of additional land. Proposals approved by Ministry.
Bittell Road Area (Duplication)	Work in Progress.
Alvechurch Village Area	Tenders to be invited.

Belbroughton

Fairfield	Approved in principle by Ministry of Housing and Local Government. Invitation of tenders delayed pending extension of Disposal Works in Urban District.
Stoneybridge extension	Approved as extension to Fairfield scheme. Details to be prepared.

Beoley

Holt End	Scheme submitted to Ministry of Housing and Local Government.
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Clent

Field Lane	Short extension to serve three properties approved.
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Clent & Hagley

Abolition of Horse Pasture Disposal site and main sewer to Hagley.	Work necessitated by new road at Clent. Carried out by County Council as part of road contract.
Re-siting of Sludge Disposal Installation.	Due to complaints concerning smell from the Hagley Works the Council instructed their Consulting Engineers to prepare a scheme for a new sludge installation at Hossill Lane, Clent to deal with sludge from the Hagley Works.

annington

Illey Lane Works
reconstruction etc.

Scheme prepared and awaiting
submission to Ministry of Housing
and Local Government.

Stoke Prior

Henbrook Works extension

Revised scheme in course of
preparation.

Wythall

Inkford and Tanners Green.
Shawbrook area.

These schemes may be affected by
the proposed Upper Tame Drainage
Board area.

Houndsfield Lane (Works
reconstruction & extension)

Scheme submitted to Ministry of
Housing & Local Government.
Negotiations in hand for acquisition
of land.

Part Station Road & Alcester
Road.

Work completed.

Pail emptying

The pail emptying service was continued at fortnightly
intervals in Stoke Prior and in a portion of Wythall Parish.

A total of 110 households were served.

4. Public Cleansing

This service is administered by the Surveyor's Department.
Domestic refuse is collected fortnightly and cesspools are
emptied quarterly free of charge.

SECTION D

HOUSING

As will be seen from figures under Section A of this report
the population of the district was increased by 970. At the end
of the year there were 572 applicants on the Council's housing
list compared with 597 at the end of 1962.

63 council houses were first let during the year while
408 were built by private enterprise.

Details of action taken under the Housing and Public Health
Acts are included in the report of the Chief Public Health
Inspector.

SECTION E

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Routine inspections of food premises were continued during
the year, and every effort was made to ensure the clean and

safe handling of foodstuffs. Further reference to the subject is made in the Chief Public Health Inspector's Report.

Food Poisoning

No case of food poisoning was notified during the year.

SECTION F

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Notifiable Diseases 1963

DISEASE	Corrected Notifications
Smallpox	-
Diphtheria	-
Scarlet Fever	20
Measles	575
Whooping Cough	23
Typhoid Fever	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-
Dysentery	13
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-
Acute Encephalitis	1
Erysipelas	-
Acute Pneumonia	17
Puerperal Pyrexia	2
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-
Malaria	-
Food Poisoning	-
TOTAL	651

Diphtheria Immunisation

The number of children immunised during the year was as follows:-

Primary Immunisation

Under 5 years old	539	(503)
5 - 14 years old	19	(8)

	558	(511)
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Re-inforcing (Booster) injections	667	(510)
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Smallpox

No case of smallpox was reported.

Number of persons vaccinated (or revaccinated) during 1963:-

Age at 31.12.63. i.e. born in year	Under 1 1 1963 1962		2-4 1959-1961	5-15 1949-1958	15 and over 1948	Total
Number Vaccinated	87	62	13	9	11	182
Number Revaccinated	-	-	1	6	41	48

The number of infants under 1 year who were vaccinated showed an appreciable decrease compared with the previous year. The figure of 87 was 11.9% of the average number of babies born in the two years 1963 - 1962. This fall resulted from the change in programme of vaccinations and immunisations. Vaccinations were previously being done at about 3 months followed by immunisation, whereas during the year under consideration immunisations were done after the third month while vaccinations were done at 1 year.

Whooping Cough

Number of children who have completed a primary course (normally 3 injections) of pertussis vaccine (singly or in combination) in the Authority's area during the year ended 31.12.63.

0-4 years	5 - 14 years	Total
528	8	536

Tuberculosis

Incidence and Mortality during 1963

AGE	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
24 - 44	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 64	-	1	-	-	4	1	-	-
65 and over	3	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Age Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	4	4	-	-	6	1	-	-

The District Health Department maintains a list of individuals resident within the district notified as suffering from Tuberculosis. This was kept up to date by information received from the County Medical Officer of Health.

Eight cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during the year.

The total number of registered cases was 163 (167) as follows:

	M.	F.	Total
Pulmonary	70	80	150
Non-Pulmonary	6	7	13
	76	87	163

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1963

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
BROMSGROVE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report for the year 1963 and would comment briefly on some public health aspects of the year.

Improvement Grants Eighteen applications were approved and work at 14 houses was completed, bringing the total of houses improved by means of Discretionary Grants to 300.

Fifty-three Standard Grants were approved and work was completed at 29 houses, bringing the total under this scheme to 91. This makes a grand total of 391 houses improved by help of grant in the District.

Water Supply Water main extensions were completed during the year at Walton Pool, Vine Lane and Rumbow, Clent. A start was made on connecting houses thereto; 73 existing houses were connected to the mains during the year.

Meat and other foods In anticipation of the coming into operation of the Meat Inspection Regulations 1963, all meat slaughtered in the 5 licensed slaughterhouses in your area was inspected, involving evening and weekend work for my deputy and myself. As from 1st October all carcasses were officially stamped and the Council decided to impose the maximum statutory charge for the inspection of the meat. The standard of meat was high and there were many expressions of appreciation on the part of residents who prefer home killed meat.

General A considerable amount of time was taken up with routine work of the Department, including inspection and investigation of many and varied complaints which were referred to the Council. It is pleasing to record that it was possible to deal with most of the complaints without recourse to formal action. However, 11 Demolition Orders were made, but 16 other houses were demolished informally and 82 houses were rendered fit in consequence of informal action.

Thanks are due to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their interest and help at all times.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

PEARSON P. CHAMINGS

Chief Public Health Inspector

COMPLAINTS

A total of 140 complaints were received during the year 1963, all of which were investigated and appropriate action taken.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The following are the numbers and nature of Inspections made during the year:-

Houses inspected	1024
Number of inspections and re-inspections of houses	2312
Inspections under Housing Regulations	-
Visits re complaints and nuisances	140
Visits re Meat Inspection	683
Visits re Notifiable Disease	47
Milk and Dairies	16
Piggeries	77
Schools	25
Factories and Workshops	35
Outworkers' Premises	-
Tents, 'Vans and Sheds	421
Water Supply	235
Works in Progress	381
Drainage	375
Shops etc. (re unfit food)	9
Visits to shops and food premises	425
Rodent Control	64
Canal Boats	-
Outside Interviews	558
Verminous Premises	-
Miscellaneous	324
Total number of informal notices served during the year	69

HOUSING

1. Inspections of Dwelling-houses during the year:-

- (10) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 1024
- (ii) (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 2312
- (ii) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (i) above) which were inspected and recorded under Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932 -
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose -
- (iii) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. 28

(iv)	Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceeding sub-head) not found to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.	59
2.	Remedy of defects during the year without Service of Formal Notices:-	
	Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers.	82
3.	Action under Statutory Powers during the year:-	
A.	Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act 1957:-	
(i)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs	-
(ii)	Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-	
(a)	By Owners	-
(b)	By Local Authority in default of owners	-
B.	Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-	
(i)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	-
(ii)	Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-	
(a)	By Owners	-
(b)	By Local Authority in default of owners	-
C.	Proceedings under Sections 16 and 23 of the Housing Act 1957:-	
(i)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	11
(ii)	Number of dwelling-houses demolished in anticipation of Demolition Orders	16
(iii)	Number of Undertakings accepted under Section 16	-
(iv)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	1

General - Housing

Eleven Demolition Orders were made during the year. In addition sixteen sub-standard houses were demolished as a result of informal action.

Eighty-two houses were repaired as a result of informal action.

Discretionary Grants

Applications were approved during the year for 18 houses and one was under consideration.

Work was completed at 14 houses and grants totalling £3,170 were certified for payment.

Standard Grants

Forty-three applications were approved. Certificates for payment of grants totalling £3,794 were issued in respect of 29, houses.

A parish by parish survey of houses suitable for improvement was completed and letters were sent to owners of suitable premises giving details of grants available.

Rent Act 1957

Only 1 application for a Certificate of Disrepair was received during the year, and an undertaking was given by the landlord to carry out the work.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

The total number of moveable dwellings in permanent occupation throughout the District remained over 500, mainly modern trailer caravans.

The Camping Club of Great Britain continued to maintain their holiday site at Romsley in a satisfactory manner.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(c.) Milk

As the District was in a "Specified Area" all milk sold to the public had to be under one of the authorised Special Designations, and consequently no samples of non designated milk were taken. It will be appreciated that a large percentage of the milk retailed in the District was bottled in other Authorities' areas where it was regularly sampled.

(b) Meat and Other Foods

There were five licensed slaughterhouses in the District, all animals were inspected and this entailed some extra work at weekends and evening.

Following is a summary of the inspections and condemnations which took place:-

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Lambs and Sheep	Pigs
Number killed	661	18	24	3085	410
Number inspected	661	18	24	3085	410
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	2	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	24	2	-	21	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	3.63%	11.11%	-	.74%	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcass condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcass of which some part or organ was condemned	1	-	-	-	3
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	.15%	-	-	-	.73%

One case of localised C.bovis was discovered.

Routine visits were made to food shops, cafes and public-houses for the inspection of premises and examination of food stuffs, and, in the main, conditions were reasonably satisfactory.

During the year 52 samples of cooked meats, pies, etc. were taken from premises within the district and submitted for examination. In no case was the organisms of salmonella or dysentery found.

The following is a list of foodstuffs of various kinds which were condemned as unfit for human consumption at retail food premises during the year:-

4 tins	Peaches	8 Tins	Mandarins
2 "	Pineapple	3 "	Fruit Juices
2 "	Beans	1 "	Sardines
2 "	Peas	1 "	Fruit Cocktail
25 "	Tomatoes	4 "	Evaporated Milk
2 "	Apricots	7 "	Raspberries
3 "	Pears	1 "	Strawberries
4 "	Oranges	15 "	Grapefruit
8 "	Soup	1 "	Ham
5 "	Corned Beef	2 "	Stewed steak
2 "	Cream	5 "	Baby food
2 "	Salmon	6 cwts.	Potatoes.

(c) Ice Cream

The total number of registrations in force for premises for the manufacture of Ice Cream was two and for the retail sale only 138.

Fifty-eight samples were submitted during the year for bacteriological examination and the results of the samples were as follow :-

Provisional Grade	1	49	Satisfactory
	2	5	Satisfactory
	3	2	Unsatisfactory
	4	2	Unsatisfactory

The unsatisfactory samples were followed up and satisfactory results obtained.

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT

Eighteen licences to slaughter animals were issued under the above Act during the year.

HOUSE DRAINAGE

Seventy-two existing houses were connected to sewers and 4 were drained to cesspools.

Also 456 new houses were connected to sewers and 18 to cesspools.

The question of providing sewers to various parts of the District and improving disposal works where necessary was considered by the Council during the year.

WATER SUPPLY

One sample of mains water was submitted for bacteriological examination, and was satisfactory.

Sixteen samples of water from private wells and springs were submitted for both chemical and bacteriological examination; of these 7 were chemically satisfactory and 3 bacteriologically satisfactory. 9 were chemically unsatisfactory and 13 bacteriologically unsatisfactory.

Twenty-eight samples were taken for bacteriological examination only, of which 8 were satisfactory and 20 unsatisfactory.

Seventy-three existing premises were connected to the water main in the course of 1963.

A total of 5,305 yards of new mains were laid by the various Water Undertakings within the District during the year. This included extensions completed at Walton Pool and Clatterbach, Clent, and at Rumbow.

The other extensions were principally to supply new development in Wythall, Alvechurch and Hagley.

There is still the need to provide main water to the considerable number of houses in the district in urgent need of piped water supply.

DISINFESTATION

No house was found to be in need of disinfestation.

All the Council refuse tips were periodically treated for flies and crickets where necessary by the Surveyor's Department.

RODENT CONTROL

A fulltime Rodent Operative is employed. A total of 114 infestations of private houses, 67 business premises and 96 at agricultural premises were successfully treated.

During the year the Council continued to provide a free service for the destruction of rats at private dwellings, but in the case of business premises a charge was made as previously.

The service was fully used and in addition a considerable number of visits were made for survey purposes by the Operative.

Fifty-six contracts were made for the treatment of business and agricultural premises during the year and the income from this source amounted to £289.10s.

Frequent inspections of the refuse tips and sewage works were carried out throughout the year and necessary treatments carried out by the Operative.

Due to the co-operation of the public, possibly because of the free service, 114 infestations were notified. These were in early stages and were thus only of a minor nature, but it seems essential to continue the service to prevent any large-scale build-up.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1949

No case occurred during the course of the year where it was necessary to make arrangements for the burial, under the provisions of the above Act, of a person dying within the District.

RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIAL ACT 1951

The premises of one firm are registered for the use of filling material to which this Act applies.

SMOKE ABATEMENT

The number of industrial premises is not large and as a result air pollution from factory chimneys did not present a major problem.

FACTORIES ACT 1937 and 1948

PREMISES	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspec- tions (4)	Written Notices (5)	Occupiers Prosecuted (6)
1. Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	3	2	-	-
2. Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	80	30	-	-
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Out-Workers premises)	15	3	-	-
TOTAL	98	35	-	-

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

PARTICULARS (1)	No. of cases in which defects found				Number of cases in which prosecu- tions were instituted (7)
	Referred				
	Found (3)	Remedied (4)	To H.M. Inspector (5)	By H.M. Inspector (6)	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective Drainage of Floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or Defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-

